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SUNDAY READING.

Before us lies "The Christian Mirror," It is an old fashioned "Orthodox" weekly: and we see that the present is the LVIIth volume. It was originally published and edited by the Rev. Doctor Cummings, a learned and very devout man, and a shining light in the Congregational Church. The paper is now edited by one I. P. Warren who flings out as his motto the words: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, Let my right hand forget her cunning. We hardly know why Mr. Warren chose this particular sentence for his motto. It was the Psalmist who said those words; and why Mr. Warren thinks them appropriate to his calling and election we are at a loss to guess. We have heard a great deal faid about "That blessed word Mesopotamia"; and there is no doubt that people in like to roll under their tongues such researding and rythmical sentonces as are to be classed among favorite quotations, just as certain young men and boys like to "spout" lines from Stakespeare and the other poets. After all, it is barely possible that Mr. Wurren's right hand hasn't much cunning to forget. Polisius, however, if he happier man and make those about him feel Mirror, reflecting like unto a faithful glass the doctrines of the stort old Calvinists, arbukea him with an unsparing hand. As for example, in reviewing some of Mr. B's recent utterances as given to the world through the columns of the Christian Union, the Mirror employs the following language: "His objections to future eternal punishment are what have been reiterated by skeptics, infidels, and errorists, ever since Christianity was given to the world. It is an old device of unbelief to draw up the soul-harrowing pictures of persons tatives, according to the rules and limitations plunged into flames and tormented by devils, and to ask, "How would you feel to think that your child were to be doomed thus?" What do all such pictures prove? Just nothing at all. The actual world in which we live conains the elements for innumerable such pictures as these, in regard to which one might ask, "How would you feel if you were assured that your child or friend were to be made to suffer thus ! The truth is that the whole universe has a "Background of Mystery"-not alone of possible mercies but of actual and positive horrors; and he reasons but poorly who flies thither to find the one, but shuts his aves to the cartaintic of the other. To the wicked 'God is a consuming fire,' and it was in apostolic hands these 'terrors of the Lord' by which men were persuaded. The one suffident answer to all these frightful suppositions s that if any human soul is finally and forever lost it will be because it was so appointed by merring Wisdom, and Goodness, and this ract made apparent will command the approval of all but those who are themselves rebels.

Now if this means anything it means a hold ing to the faith of what goes by the ugly name of "Infant Damnation" which, not profanely speaking, is Hell with a vengeance. We are free to confess that we cannot see how one may accept any of the premises laid down by Calvin and not proceed to just these lengths. The fact is that Mr. Beecher represents a class of emotional people who, as the saying is "have got religion," but who shrink, cowardlike, from the inevitable conclusions of the

logic of their doctrine.

Further along in this review of the Mirror's is the following amusing bit of sanctimoniousness: "The theme is a fruitful as well as a sad one, but we forbear to follow it. As we took occasion to say when the reports of Mr. B's late sermon came to us, we have no fear from all this for God's truth. "Forever O Lord thy word is settled in heaven." Christ has spoken in human language, and neither the words nor the meaning he intended by them will ever pass away. They will remain from generation to generation declaring ever the immutable principles of his law; that he is merciful and gracious, long-suffering and abundant in goodness and truth, and that will had no effect whatever upon the Wall street by no means clear the guilty." This "Hot Gospeller" has no thought of letting off the wicked with any weak assurances of a chance to escape. And it is held by a not a few that such a hard-hearted religion as this is a comfort to its possessors. And we suppose it must be, else they would try and be rid of it-

But we can and will get away from this bitter subject far enough to let Alice Cary sing to us, in her sweetest measures, of

THE FISHERS OF GALILEE.

There were seven fishers with nots in their hands, And they walked and taiked by the scaside samis Yet sweet as the sweet dews fall.
The words they make, though they spake so low, across the long, dim centuries flow,
And we know them one and all Ay, know them and love them all.

Seven sad men in the days of old, And one was gentle, and one was bold,
And they walked with downward eyes;
The bold was Peter, the gentle was John,
And they all were sad, for the Lord was gone,
And they all were sad, for the Lord was gone, And they knew not if he would ris Knew not if their dead would rise.

The livelong night till the moon went out, In the drawning waters they beat about,
Beat slow through the fog their way;
And the sails drooped down with wringing wet,
And no man drew but an empty net,
And now 'twas as the bleak of day
The great glad break of day.

"Cast in your nots on the other side ? 'Cast in yeur note on the other side!'
(Twas Jesus speaking across the tide;)
And they cast and were dragging hard—
But that disciple whom Jesus loved
('ried straightway out, for his heart was moved,
"It is our risen Lord— Our Master and our Lord !"

Then Simon, girding his fisher's coat, Went over the nets and out of the hoat Ay, first of them all was he; Repenting sore the denial past, He feared no longer his heart to cast Like an anchor into the sea— Down deep in the hungry sea.

And the others through the m3sts so dim. In a little ship carne after him,

Dragging their nets through the tide; And when they had gotten close to land, Tkey saw a fire of coals on the sand, And with arms of love so wide, Jesus, the crucified !

'Tis long, and long, and long ago Since the rosy lights began to flow O'er the hills of Gallice; And with caper eyes and lifted hands The seven fishers saw on the sands The fire of coals by the sea.
On the wet, wild sands by the sea.

'Tis long ago, yet faith in our souls is kindled just by the fire or coals That streamed o'er the misse of the sta; Where Peter, girding his fisher's coal, Wet over the nets and out of the heat, To answer, "Loy'st thou me?"—[Alice Cary, Thrice over, "Loy'st thou me?"—[Alice Cary,

THE SILVER BILL PASSES THE SENATE.

Vesterday morning at 5 o'clock the Senate of the United States passed the Silver Bill. The vote stood 48 to 21. This of course is a two thirds vote. All that was needed, however, was a majority. The value of the two thirds is in its relation to a possible veto by the President: For it takes a two third vote to pass any measure over the veto of the executive. Now the question arises: What constitutes a two thirds vote of either. House of could forget or forego; one of his narrowness | Congress? Let us see what the | Constitution of belief and hard bigotries he would be a says relative to the matter. Specification V. Section One, reads as follows: "Each House more pleasantly. We note that The Christian shall be the judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of its own members, and a majority of each shall constitute a quorum to do raigns Mr. Beecher for his heresics and re-business. Specification Three of Sec. VII., reads as follows: Every order, resolution or vote to which the concurrence of the Senate and House of Representatives may be necessary (except in a question of adjournment), its friends to rejoice and its enemies to look shall be presented to the President of the United States; and before the same shall take effect shall be approved by him, or, being President in '81, certainly no man in his party disproved by him, shall be repassed by two thirds of the Senate and House of Represenprescribed in the case of a bill."

This makes it clear, provided there is no rule of the Houses to the contrary, that two thirds of the members present is the two thirds contemplated by the Constitution.

The Supreme Court is competent to pass upon the constitutionallity of any act of Congress; while it is entirely incompetent to determine the question of what constitutes a two thirds vote, or to pass upon any other question affeeting the organization or functions of Congress. Otherwise, the law-making power would be subject to, instead of being independent of the judicial department of the government. What it does may be tried in the courts; but its manner of procedure is solely its own business.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

Pera, Feb. 16.—It is expected the Grand Duke Nicholas will enter Constantinople with a portion of his army, but will come as the guest and friend of the nation, with the consent of the Sultan. Russians consider this will give England no casus belli, especially as her ships are near the capital against the express wishes of the Sultan and the Porte. In the Russian camp the renewal of hostilities is discussed as more probable than peace, and every measure is being adopted to conciliate the Russian advance. The entrance of the British fleet into the Dardanelles before the conclusion of an armistice would have been answered by a Russian declaration of war, but now the case is doubtful. War with England would be popular with the army, though officers speak of it as a terrible struggle.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.-It is stated the peace megotiations are now practically interrupted, as the Turkish plenipotentiaries decline to complete the provision of autonomy for Bulgaria, since the appearance of British men-of-war in the sea of Marmora.

New York, Feb. 16.—It is stated a building has been rented on Wall street for the establishment of a branch of the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, to be under the exclusive management of C. F. Christiansen, who will superintend a mining stock transfer agency. The passage of the Silver Bill seems to have

A PUZZLED JEHU,

Of a Jehn, son of Nimshi, who let his head go a wool winding, the Pioche Record of Sat-

The Eureka stage arrived here on Saturday last about 2 o'clock, and after discharging its freight at the express office the driver was told to be around next morning at seven o'clock. The driver, after he had put up his horses, "took a spin around the block," and in consequence imbibed several times, after which he went to bed. About a quarter of seven, Sunday evening, business men who had letters to send off by the out-going mail were considerably surprised by seeing the Eureka stage driven up Main street, all ready for de- yet appeared, and the correspondents all wish parture. On visiting the express office to remonstrate about the mail going out twelve hours before the time, they found the stage driver and Griffin in an argument -the driver trying to convince Griffin it was Monday morning, and seven o'clock, and that he was right on time. After some argument it was explained to the driver that he had some twelve hours more leisure, when the stage was driven to the stable and the horses put up. The driver had the starting hour in his mind when he went to sleep, and waking up a little before seven, looked at his watch, and the day, which was just departing, look ing like day just breaking, caused him to get up out of bed in a hurry and quickly harness

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8, 1878.

Almost the only interest in legislation centres in the Senate, the week opening in that body with a resumption of debate on the Bland bill. Senator Beck offered a substitute for the amendment proposed by the Committee on Finance, requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase \$3,000,000 in silver bullion per month and coin it into dollars, and, if the market supply should fail, empowering any citizen possessing bullion to deposit it for coinage. It also provides that the standard of subsidiary coins shall be raised to an equality with that of the dollar. In reply to an objection by Morrill that foreigners might avail themselves of whatever advantage could be derived from the bill, Beck explained that "they must make our citizen the owner of the bullion for all the purposes of our law, and our dealings should be with him and not with them." Senator Bayard followed in a carefully prepared speech which consumed the remainder of the day. He insisted that to say the dollar of 4121 grains should be received at par was to say that a dollar's worth of labor was worth but ninety cents. Labor seems willing to risk all that sort of thing, and our growthack experience taught us that | follows: when a dollar was worth only forty cents in gold, labor demanded more dollars than mong's to make good the deficiency, and, what was better, got them. Senator Eaton struggled wildly with the ruling subject on Tuesday, and was followed by Howe in a law. ver-like and well-digested written argument in favor of remonetization. Wednesday brought the gallant, learned Democrat, Thurman, to the front with a torrent of learning, law and logic in favor of the bill, that caused blue. Thurman is in training for the Presidency, and if there must be a Democratic could fill the office with greater credit to the country. He was followed by Kernan in the pale of the Constitution. interest of the gold-grabbers, and also by Christiancy, who endeavored to repair the damage he had received on Tuesday at the hands of Howe, Yesterday Senator Blaine health. took the floor after the expiration of the morning hour, and spoke apparently on both sides of the pending question. He wanted and didn't want silver remonetized; but in any event desired silver enough (425 grains) in the dollar to suit Jay Gould and his associate sharps. He admitted that his proposition stood no chance of being adopted. Senator Johnson closed the day with a strong argument in favor of the bill. To-day Senator Hill spoke in opposition, and as at least five Senators will follow his somewhat extended remarks, silver will probably be a subject of discussion until the middle of next weekinto which it is hoped all long, dreary talkers will be projected as from a catapult. Senator Withers is now talking in favor of the bill, and adjournment to Monday will follow. In the House yesterday Pacheco, of California, was, of course, turned out of hls seat. He must be gratified at the justice shown by his sometime Democratic friends who applauded his course in '75 when he aided by his candi. dacy the Independent ticket, and thus seated Irwin and his gang, after paying his ten dollars at the Sacramento Convention of that year in order to get up on the stand to enable him to assert his undying devotion to Republican principles. Let Pacheco take a graceful waltz, in which dance he is so proficient, in the direction of Southern California, and retire on his elegance and beauty. There is considerable stir here in the way of the Murphy Temperance movement. Chas. M. Nye, a son of the late Senator, heads another organization in the same direction. Nye does the business with a red ribbon while Murphy does it with a blue one; and it is quite edifying to witness the great number of red and blue nosed reformers who are on hand late and early exhibiting badges on the lapels of their coats, waiting for some angel to invite them to beer or whiskey. Murphy and Nye are a noble pair of Areadians. Francis Murphy is a convicted nurderer, and entered the temperance trade because he knew it would bring more ready eash than keeping a very low groggery. Such an amiable person is of course the most senseless and fit man to point the way to paths of sobriety and morality. Nye has graduated in most of the vicos, drunkenness included, and his discourse may therefore be compared to history, which is defined to be "philosophy teaching by example." Ex-Secretary, ex-Governor of Arizona ex-assistant Secretary of the Treasury, present Grand Commissioner to the Paris Exposition, and so forth RICHARD C. McCOSMICK. is here in search of new panegyries from the press. He is the most eminent successor of the late Schuyler Colfax in getting himself kept gratuitously before the public that has

The late Samuel Bowles leaves an invalid wife and several children—the eldest, Samuel. at the head of the business department of the Springfield Republican.

that he and Charlie Ross were entombed in

the same supulchre.

Junius Crutus Booth is building a good sized hotel in Manchester, Mass., which he proposes running next summer. Manchester is Mr. Booth's residence.

Ex-Governor Bedle of New Jersey has resumed the practice of law.

A BOYS ADVENTURE.

The Eureka Sentinel of Tuesday has the

A boy, while on his way to the Richmond charcoal pile above the farnaces yesterday, espied an old wheel on the hillside. With true boyish impulse he stood it on its rim and started it down hill. With the usual perversity and cussedness of all inanimite things, it took a straight course for a Chinamen's shanty, and gathering force and velocity by the momentum of its down hill revolution, it dashed with great force against the door of the Celestial residence and tore it from its moorings, carrying wreck and destruction to the interior. A dozen terrified and scared Celestials tumbled out of the back window and sought safety on the flat below. The boy had taken to his heels and disappeared over the crest of the hill, and there was no visable cause in sight to account for the apparent earthquake. After a long consultation the bravest burbarian cautiously crept back, peered around the corner of the shanty and finally ventured to the doorway. His companions joined him, and the gesticulating, outporing of choice speech and the testing of the capacity of their native lauguage in the way of prolanity, was wonderful. The boy forgot to return that way to explain the cause of the accident.

CATS AND JUSTIFIABLE CATICIDE.

Mr. Hart of the Reveille having got back to Austin sits himself down and writes as

"Is it a crime to shoot cats!" asked a prominent citizen of an eminent jurist, in the International Restaurant, this morning. wyer said he could not answer till be had arched the statutes and ascertained what bearing the Common law had on the subject. Plans, Though not a lawyer, we think we con satisfactorily answer the citizen's question. In our opinion it is not a crime to shoot cuts, providing you hit them square between the yes and stun them so that they will lie still ill you can get to them and chop them into small bits with an ax. We do not hold that walking into a sitting room, and turning the contents of a six-shoorer into a cat as it peacefully slumbers in an old maid's lap, would be strictly within the law; but we contend that the murder of a cat that is attending a musical rehearsal in the still watches of the night under your bedroom window, is within the

MFN WHO HAVE BEEN HEARD OF.

King Humbert enjoys the most robust

Victor Hugo is so strong a person that he can go out in all weathers without a great-

Lyda Thompson is worth a quarter million dollars. So much for dressing economically. -Danbury News.

Whittier writes a friend that he does not see why he should be congratulated on old age and rhumatism. Eagle Plume, an Indian chief, is starting

on a lecture tour. He speaks very little English and will have an interpreter. Madama Yoshida, the wife of the Japanese

Minister can now speak English well enough to do without an interpreter.

The Princes Mercedes, judging from her authorized photograph, is rather too much like a fat school girl. Boston Journal. It is gravely reported that at her approaching wedding, Princes Charlotte of Prussia

will be attended by forty fair bridesmaids. Miss Katherine Chase Sprague is living at her father's house of "Edgewood," near Washington, and gives weekly receptions, crowded as of old

Ralph Waldo Emerson, owing to an untimely cold, has been compelled to postpone for the persent his lecture in the Old South Church at Boston.

President Diaz of Mexico, is tall, straight and spare, looks every inch a soldier, and lives in the simplest manner without any Brigadiers-in-waiting.

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